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Title: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also known as
J. W. Harrison

Character: UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION AND USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Synopsis:

MAHEU advised, during Fall, 1960, at request of CIA, contacted SAM GIANCANA in Chicago for information regarding Cuban activities. While working with GIANCANA, it was believed that a leak of information had developed and it was decided to cover the activities of PHYLLIS MC GUIRE and DON ROWAN. Decision to install microphone coverage of ROWAN's room in Las Vegas made by MAHEU. MAHEU believes BALLETTI went too far in installing telephone coverage. MAHEU worked through DUBOIS for this coverage. DUBOIS supplied both men who worked on this installatio Pretext of [redacted] used as DUBOIS did not know of CIA's interests in this matter. MAHEU unable to identify unknown subject, aka HARRISON. (U)

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ROBERT MAHEU, Maheu and King Associates Incorporated, 1125 19th Street, N.W., advised that during the latter part [redacted] requested MAHEU to contact [redacted] in Chicago, Illinois, since gambling activities in Cuba, under the BATISTA government, were controlled by the underworld, it was believed that GIANCANA would still have sources and contacts in Cuba which could possibly be used in connection with CIA's activities against the CASTRO government. (U)

MAHEU stated that the original contact with GIANCANA was made by "JOHNNY," who MAHEU declined to further identify. MAHEU stated that he talked with GIANCANA on several occasions but was never sure of his true name. MAHEU advised that while working with GIANCANA, information was received that his interests in the Cuban situation was being disclosed by GIANCANA to other individuals.

MAHEU stated that it was ascertained that GIANCANA was very much in love with PHYLLIS MC GUIRE of the McGuire Sisters Trio, and had, in fact, asked Miss McGUIRE to marry him. It was his understanding that Miss MC GUIRE had rejected GIANCANA's offer but was still considered a close, personal friend of GIANCANA. It was believed that if GIANCANA had talked of MAHEU's interests in the Cuban situation that he might possibly have mentioned it to PHYLLIS MC GUIRE. MAHEU also stated that it has been ascertained that PHYLLIS MC GUIRE was a close, personal friend of DAN ROWAN of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin. It was learned that during October, 1960, ROWAN was working in Las Vegas, Nevada, and that PHYLLIS MC GUIRE was going to visit ROWAN in Las Vegas.

MAHEU stated that he decided to have microphone coverage installed in ROWAN's room in Las Vegas. MAHEU stated that he had made this decision himself recognizing the risk involved in setting up this coverage. He stated that he was extremely careful as he did not want to involve CIA.

MAHEU stated that in order to secure coverage of ROWAN and Miss MC GUIRE, he instructed WALTER FITZPATRICK, an associate of MAHEU, to contact EDWARD DUBOIS, Investigations

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On 5/25/61 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 139-61

by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] CWB:sha/lbh Date dictated 6/1/61

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Incorporated, Miami, Florida, to arrange to have DUBOIS send two men to Las Vegas to install and operate microphone coverage of ROWAN. MAHEU stated that he could not recall the exact instructions that he had given but it was his intentions to have only microphone coverage maintained in ROWAN's room. He felt that BALLETTI and the unknown subject went too far in installing telephone coverage of ROWAN. U

MAHEU advised that DUBOIS did not know of CIA's interests in this matter and in requesting DUBOIS to handle this assignment, he had used a pretext indicating to DUBOIS that a Los Angeles, California, attorney had made the original request for coverage of ROWAN. MAHEU stated that he was in touch with DUBOIS on several occasions but denied that he had called DUBOIS, instructing DUBOIS to send only one man to Las Vegas and that he, MAHEU, would supply the second man. MAHEU stated that he did not know BALLETTI prior to this incident but did talk with BALLETTI on the telephone after BALLETTI was arrested. He made arrangements for an attorney to defend BALLETTI but again declined to furnish the details of these arrangements.

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Subsequent to the interview with MAHEU, he telephonicall contacted SA [redacted] on May 25, 1961, advising that he had sent word to SAM GIANCANA as to the extent of the investigation which had been conducted by MAHEU of GIANCANA. MAHEU stated that since GIANCANA would probably be interviewed regarding this matter, he felt that it would be less embarrassing to him, MAHEU, if GIANCANA knew of this situation. U b7

MAHEU again stated that he alone had made the decision to install the technical surveillance of ROWAN, that he had considered the risk involved and that in setting it up, he was trying to eliminate the possibility of involvement of CIA.

MAHEU stated that in the event it were decided to recontact him regarding this matter, he could always be reached through his office in Washington, D. C., or his home in Falls Church, Virginia. U

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